

bi. c. b kl's aint gabriel.
ix c kl's aint cecilie.
d kl's aint lucas
xvi e kl's aint lucerast
vi f kl's aint caprasme
g kl's es. xi. nulle uierge
xviii **E** kl's aint malon. D
iiii b kl's aint graciene
c kl's aint magloire
xi d kl's aint crespin
xix e kl's aint amant
f kl's Vigille
viii g kl's aint symone. jude
E kl's aint nantis
xvi b kl's aint lucam
v c kl's Vigille

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Octobre. xxi. 10

vi **E**s aint remy
v **b**r's aint ligier
vi **c**r's aint uictor. **S**
ii **d**r's aint francois
i **e**r's ainte xpmie
x **f**r's ainte foy
xii **g**eo's aint marc
xviii **H**eo's aint denet
vii **b**eo's aint denis
xv **c**eo's aint geron
xvii **d**eo's aint madure
ii **e**eo's aint uenant
xii **f**eo's aint auen
x **g**eo's aint calist
i **h**eo's aint offran

MEDIEVAL CALENDAR LEAF FOR OCTOBER, c. 1420-40

IM-10456: (197 x 138mm) Original leaf from a medieval manuscript *Book of Hours*. Ruled in red for 17 lines of **French** text. Written in **blue, red or gold ink** on animal vellum. Large **illuminated two-line "KL" initials** (for KALENDS) in blue and red on a **burnished gold ground** with floral interior in blue, red and orange. **Five illuminated one-line initials in burnished gold** on a ground of blue and red with delicate white tracery. **Elegant rinceaux panel border** in a delicate floral motif with ivy leaves in red, blue, green, orange and burnished gold.

Northern France (Paris), c. 1420-40.

Among the feasts listed are **St. Francis of Assisi** (4th - patron saint of animals), **St. Denis** (9th - patron saint of Paris), **St. Gabriel** (16th), **St. Luke** (18th - patron saint of doctors and sculptors), and **St. Simon** (28th - patron saint of curriers and tanners).

Left of the saints' days are repeating letters *A - G* called ***Dominical Letters*** since they help find Sundays. Far left is a column of Roman numerals *i - xix* called ***Golden Numbers*** to indicate appearances of new moons, & counting ahead 14 days, full moons throughout the year (year + 1; divide by 19; remainder is Golden Number - if zero GN = 19). Finally: each month had 3 fixed points: Kalends (1st day) Ides (middle) & Nones (9th day before Ides). All days in between were counted ***backwards*** from these points.